

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Daniel P. Soehnlen, et al.  
For : ICE CREAM MANUFACTURING AND  
PACKAGING PROCESS AND A  
PACKAGE FOR THIS PROCESS  
Our Docket : X-12520-1

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above referenced patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, after the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION":

--This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/500,935, filed January 15, 2000, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/118,246, filed on July 17, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,103,287, issued August 15, 2000.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Delete claims 1-32.

Add new claims 114-118 as follows:

114. A process for manufacturing and packaging a variety of ice cream products on a processing line comprising the steps of:

manufacturing on-site a plurality of open topped, unlabeled, multiple serving trays;  
manufacturing on-site a plurality of removable lids for said open topped, unlabeled,

5 multiple serving trays;

creating a first ice cream product from liquid raw materials from at least one mixing  
tank;

introducing said first ice cream product through the open top of first selected of said  
unlabeled multiple serving trays;

10 applying selected of said lids to said first selected trays creating first closed multiple  
serving containers of said first ice cream product;

applying label information to said first closed containers;

creating at least a second ice cream product, having characteristics different from said  
first ice cream product;

15 introducing said second ice cream product through the open top of second selected  
of said unlabeled multiple serving trays;

applying selected of said lids to said second selected trays creating second closed  
multiple serving containers of said second ice cream product; and,

applying label information to said second closed containers.

115. The process of claim 114, whereby said open topped, unlabeled, multiple service trays  
are manufactured off-site.

116. The process of claim 114, whereby said lids are manufactured off-site.

117. The process of claim 114, wherein a selected number of said unlabeled multiple serving trays and a selected number of said lids are introduced into said process; said selected number is based on customer order information.

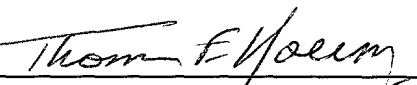
118. The process of claim 114, wherein at least said first ice cream and said second ice cream product are hardened in a cryogenic hardener.

### REMARKS

Claims 33-118 are present for consideration in this application. Claims 1-32 have been deleted.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**".

Respectfully submitted,  
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